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RE: Swap Spots Created at Dakota County Government Center

The Dakota County Sheriff's Office continues to seek progressive ways to better serve the public. In an era of on-line shopping where an in-person exchange will take place, we must also continue to evaluate best practices and concerns surrounding our safety.

Our office is adding "Swap Spots" as a means for citizens to conduct transactions in a public location. Transactions may include on-line purchases, child custody exchanges, or any transaction where meeting in a public location will help improve personal safety.

The Swap Spots are identified by signs in designated locations. There are currently two locations at the Dakota County Government Center in Hastings:

- 1) The lobby of the Law Enforcement Center will be available 24 hours a day. Staff is typically present between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The area is adjacent to the Jail Control Room.
- 2) The west parking lot in front of the Juvenile Services Center is also available 24 hours a day and a better location for larger items. This area has a blue security pillar which has 911 calling and camera recording capability.

Although the locations are in visible areas, there is no guarantee that staff will be present to monitor the exchange. Please use caution when conducting exchanges.